

Who can I contact?

The recent offshore oil incident has yet to impact Manatee County, and there has been no impact to public safety or wildlife. In the event of the appearance of oil please use the following contact numbers to report an oil sighting and/or injured wildlife.

**Manatee County's
"Oil Spill Watch Hotline"**
941-749-3547

State Warning Lines
1-850-413-9900
1-800-320-0519

BP Company Phone Numbers

Public Information
Volunteer Information
1-866-448-5816

Report Wildlife in Distress
1-866-557-1401

General Assistance for Vendors
1-281-366-5511



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Charles Taylor

Manatee
County
Commission

District 1
Larry
Bustle

District 2
Gwendolyn
Brown

District 3
John
Chappie

District 4
Ron
Getman

District 5
Donna
Hayes

At-Large
Carol
Whitmore

At-Large
Joe
McClash

Online Resources

Manatee County Website
www.mymanatee.org

Deepwater Horizon Response
www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com

US EPA Response
www.epa.gov/bpspill/

NOAA Deepwater Website
www.deepwaterhorizon.noaa.gov

Florida Deepwater Response
www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/

Mote Marine Lab Beach Conditions
www.mote.org/beaches

Florida Air Quality Monitoring
www.airnow.gov

Florida Health Effects FAQ:
www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/files/faq_doh_051010.pdf

ArcGIS Mapping of Spill Area
www.geoss.esri.com/geoviewer

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Manatee County Natural Resources



Deepwater Horizon Oil Watch Information



Photo by Vanessa Rogers

What is the County doing?

Manatee County's staff has formed an emergency response team to address and monitor the situation. A strategy to combat any issues that might arise in the local waterways or on the beaches has also been developed.

Manatee County continues to monitor the situation through coordination with our State and Federal partners. While briefings have thus far focused on prevention and recovery strategies for the Florida Panhandle, at this time no one can be certain whether the effects of the spill will be seen on Manatee County's shores.



What are the health risks?

Individuals should not come into contact with oil. However in the event of skin contact, wash with soap and large amounts of water. Remove contaminated clothing. If symptoms of irritation occur, call a physician.

"Health Risks" taken from the State of Florida's Deepwater Horizon Health Info and FAQs Handout

What should I do if I find oil?

In the unlikely event you suspect oil on Manatee County's beaches, riversides, or coastal mangrove and marsh areas:

- Call the County's "Oil Watch Hotline" at **941-749-3547**.
- Be sure to note your location and nearby landmarks, and be ready to give a physical description of the material you saw.
- Help us find your site! If you have a camera or camera phone, please include a nearby landmark so we can find it on the beach and email it to oilwatch@mymanatee.org.

After you report suspicious material, a County responder will travel to the scene to verify whether the substance is oil. You do not need to wait at the location as responders may be working at another site before they reach yours.

REMEMBER:

- DO** call in materials that might be oil
- DO** call in injured or oiled wildlife
- DON'T** try to collect the oiled material
- DON'T** touch or handle oiled material
- DON'T** try to catch or restrain wildlife

How can I help?

Become a Volunteer

- **Register with Volunteer Florida** at www.volunteerflorida.org. We recommend that all interested individuals register with this site, even if you are already a member of another volunteer organization as Volunteer Florida is the state coordinator and will distribute information.
- **Get affiliated.** Volunteer Florida will provide you with a list of **local** organizations once you register. You can also contact Melissa.nell@mymanatee.org for more information on local organizations in need of volunteer help.
- **Get informed.** Check out www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com to learn more about the oil spill and response efforts. Visit our website at www.mymanatee.org to view the status of the situation locally and to obtain downloadable resources and state situation reports.

Contact your federal legislators. Urge them to mobilize federal resources with urgency and to work across the global community to solve the problem.

Volunteers will not be handling oil or oiled wildlife. But there are still lots of ways to help!